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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 4008

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO MIAMI HERALD ARTICLE ON NEGOTIATIONS

1. REACTION TO MIAMI HERALD REPORT (THAT WHITE HOUSE SOURCES HAD INDICATED TREATY WOULD NOT BE SIGNED BEFORE 1976 U.S. ELECTIONS HAS BEEN DEEP BUT CAREFULLY CONTROLLED. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OZORES TOLD EMBOFF AT FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION THAT AMBASSADOR JORDEN'S STATEMENT, PUBLISHED JULY 4 IN ALL NEWSPAPERS, HAD BEEN HELPFUL AND APPRECIATED, BUT GOP WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY MANAGING SITUATION. OZORES ADDED THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER "MUST" COME TO PANAMA SOON. TREATY ADVISER LOPEZ GUEVARA IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION MADE CLEAR THAT FOR HIM PURPOSE AND SUBSTANCE OF BUNKER'S NEXT TRIP WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TIMING. LOHEZ, HOWEVER, IS A "SUBSTANTIVE" AND "LEGAL" ORIENTED MAN LESS CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL MANIPULATION THAT TORRIJOS MUST DO TO KEEP THE LID ON A VERY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION.

2. AS INDICATED IN USIS PANAMA MEDIA REACTION (7/7/75), PRESS COVERAGE ON MIAMI HERALD ARTICLE HAS BEEN LOW KEY. CRITICA EDITORIAL EMPHASIZED THAT AMBASSADOR JORDEN'S STATEMENT MEANS THAT USG IS MAINTAINING ITS COMMITMENT. IT EMPHASIZED THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PANAMA'S OBJECTIVES, CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT THE TIMING OF THE COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS, WAS THE

IMPORTANT FACTOR.

3. COMMENT: THE PRESS REPORT OF POSSIBILITY THAT WHITE HOUSE'S ATTITUDE IS TO STALL NEGOTIATIONS COMING ON TOP OF THE SNYDER AMENDMENT HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN A HEAVY AND DISCOURAGING BLOW FOR PANAMA. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WITH CERTAINTY, IT COULD UNDERMINE PANAMANIAN CONFIDENCE IN THE INTENTIONS OF THE US TO SOLVE THE CANAL PROBLEM. TORRIJOS IS NOW TOTING UP THE POLITICAL AND NEGOTIATING BALANCE SHEETS BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO REACT.  
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